



Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

601 Broadway, 9th Floor, Conf Room 927
Thursday, October 26, 2023
1:32 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Board of Directors	Staff	Staff	Guests
Present: In Person Unless Otherwise Stated	Donna Lynne, DrPH.	Chuck Scully	Pam Nicholson
Patricia “Pia” Dean	Kathy Boyle, RN Dr. Ph.D	Heather Young, M.D.	Sarah Meadows
Patti Klinge	Steven Federico, M.D.	Enid Wade, J.D.	Sean VanBerschot
Frank deGruy, M.D.	Amy Friedman	Lorena Zimmer	Mike Wilson, M.D.
Hollie Velasquez-Horvath	Kris Gaw	Abraham Nussbaum, M.D.	Joe Caldwell
Eli Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN <i>Via WebEx</i>	Simon Hambidge, M.D.	Katherine Marinelli	
Lily Cervantes, M.D	Romana Hasnain-Wynia, Dr. Ph.D		
Tom Kim	Ansar Hassan		
Jim Chavez	Amy King		
	Greg McCarthy		
<i>Absent:</i>	Jacque Montgomery		
Kathy Nesbitt	Read Pierce, M.D.		
Danielle Shoots	Connie Savor Price, M.D.		
Doug Friednash	Crystal Potter Rivera		

Agenda Topic	Responsible Person (s)	Status/Comments
I. Call to Order and Preliminary Matters A. Approval of September 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes	Pia Dean	Ms. Pia Dean, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Mr. Tom Kim made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.



B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement		Ms. Dean requested disclosure of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed.
C. Public Comment		No Public Comment was provided.
III. Medical Staff/Quality A. Medical Staff Appointments B. Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) Update	Heather Young, M.D.	Dr. Heather Young reported 29 new applicants for appointments, 42 reappointments, 19 leaving the medical staff, and 2 who are requesting sedation privileges. A motion to approve the requested appointments to the Medical Staff and privileges was made and seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Dr. Young shared a brief overview of the Annual Medical Staff Awards Dinner.
IV. Consent Items A. Approval of Physician Contracting B. Approval of Philips Patient Monitoring Support Renewal Contract		Mr. Tom Kim made a motion to approve the items on the consent calendar, the motion was seconded, and the consent calendar items were unanimously approved.
V. New Business A. Executive Leadership Update	Donna Lynne, DrPH & Leadership Team	Donna Lynne, herself or by calling on others, provided updates on key issues across the organization. Dr. Lynne shared a patient note in which the patient shared concerns that she had failed to experience a proper level of autonomy in the course of the care she received at Denver Health. There was a brief discussion about this patient's concerns and how our Patient Advocate Team is involved. Dr. Lynne shared information from the eight (8) Town Halls that she participated in. There was a brief discussion on the City Budget and Sustainable Funding Meetings. Ms. Kris Gaw reported briefly on the operational scorecards. She continued to briefly discuss the RMPDS Grant for data collection for psychedelics from SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration), Connect2Care Courtesy Callback program, and operating room volumes. Dr. Connie Savor Price



<p>B. State of the Department</p>	<p>Dr. Michael Wilson</p>	<p>reported on out-of-service area uncompensated care and advised that the volume of this care has increased since July and the goal is to establish these patients in their home county before the end of the year.</p> <p>Dr. Michael Wilson provided a presentation and update on the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Services. Dr. Wilson shared metrics relating to employees and staffing, facilities, and number of patients treated. Department of Pathology & Laboratory Services has 10 Pathologists of which: 9 are Board Certified in Anatomic Clinical Pathology and 1 is Board Certified in Anatomic Pathology. The Laboratory performs approximately 8,000,000 tests per year.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the steps being taken to allow payment of a dividend by Denver Health Medical Plan to Denver Health and Hospital Authority. A New York Times Opinion Video on Workplace Violence was shown and a brief discussion occurred.</p>
<p>C. 20 Minute Break- Tour of Paramedic Operations Center & Photo with Mural</p>		
<p>D. Strategic Plan for 2024-2026</p>	<p>Pam Nicholson</p>	<p>Ms. Pam Nicholson briefly reported on the Strategic Plan. The Steering Committee is working on a three-year strategic plan for the organization to include metrics to monitor its progress.</p>
<p>E. Annual ACGME Institutional Review</p>	<p>Dr. Abraham Nussbaum and Sarah Meadow</p>	<p>Dr. Abraham Nussbaum presented the Annual ACGME Review of the Resident programs at Denver Health, which is required by ACGME rules. One-third of the Medical Staff is trained at Denver Health; in 2022 there were 3,284 learners. Ms. Sarah Meadows reviewed the Accredited Residency & Fellowship programs and Non-Accredited Residency & Fellowship programs. The Denver</p>



		Health Emergency Medicine Residency ranks in the top 10 of the AMA's 2022 residency & fellowship databases. Dr. Nussbaum briefly reported on Funding for these programs.
VI. Community and Board Member Reports		
A. Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee	Tom Kim/Ansar Hassan	Mr. Ansar Hassan briefly discussed the financial trends in September. Contract labor has continued to decrease, and there is potential for additional decreases in the last quarter of 2023. Mr. Hassan briefly reported on Medicaid redeterminations.
B. Quality, Safety, and Service Improvement Committee (QSSIC)	Frank deGruy, M.D./Read Pierce, M.D.	Dr. deGruy shared that the committee saw presentations from Dr. Joshua Bloom on Opioid Overdoses in the Community and Dr. Allison Sabel on the Vizient Annual Quality Rankings.
C. DCHS	Patti Klinge	Ms. Klinge reported that Dr. Sonja O'Leary provided an update on the Pediatric Departments. Dr. Josh Williams won an award for his research and evaluation of vaccine hesitancy. She briefly shared some statistics on access in our community clinics.
D. Human Resources Committee	Patti Klinge	Ms. Klinge reported that the committee is working on the 1 st phase of the senior management compensation study and received relevant, current information from Sullivan Cotter. The committee had suggestions for consideration which will be presented to the board in November.
E. Nominating and Governance Committee	Pia Dean	Ms. Dean shared that the Nominating and Governance Committee, with the assistance of Ms. Enid Wade, has been reviewing and revised the Authority Bylaws. There was a reminder that the members need to fill out Competency Matrix and Board Self Assessments so they can be reviewed at the November meeting.
F. Chair's Report	Pia Dean	Ms. Dean shared that Mr. Jim Chavez has agreed to be on the Sustainable Funding Task Force Committee. Ms. Dean shared that



		there will be a special board meeting in December to review the budget for 2024.
VII. Executive Session A. CEO Matters B. Litigation Update (As Needed) C. HR/Personnel Matters D. Board Only Deliberation		Ms. Klinge made a motion at 4:41p.m. to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402 (4), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g), which allow for review and discussion of legal advice on regulatory, legal, and compliance matters, and on pending, threatened, or imminent litigation and settlements; to deliberate and discuss personnel and peer review matters; and matters confidential under HIPAA, and matters confidential under other laws, and positions and strategy for negotiation; and under the deliberative process privilege pursuant to common law and C.R.S. section 24-72-204 (3)(a), (4), and (13). The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The board then came out of executive session at 5:45 p.m.
VIII. Adjournment	Pia Dean	The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m. Katherine Marinelli transcribed the meeting. Enid A. Wade and Pia Dean reviewed the minutes. _____ Enid A. Wade Secretary
		I, Enid A. Wade, General Counsel of Denver Health and Hospital Authority, attest that the discussion during any portion of the Executive Session that was not recorded, concerned attorney-client communication. _____ Enid A. Wade Secretary